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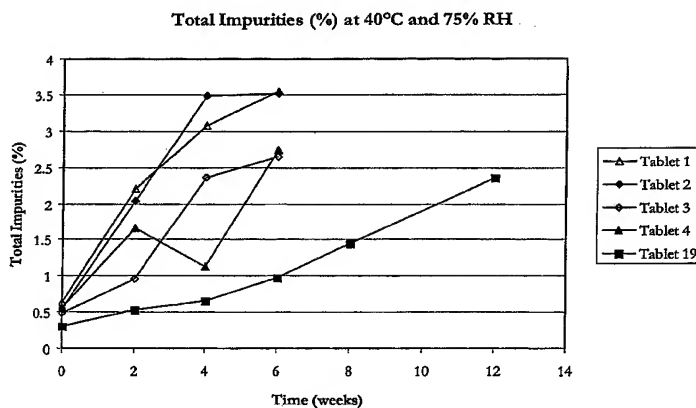
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a stable pharmaceutical composition comprising an ACE inhibitor or a pharmaceu-
tically acceptable salt or derivative thereof. In particular, the invention relates to a pharmaceutical composition, which comprises
an ACE inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or a derivative thereof, and a C₁₆-C₂₈ glyceride. ACE inhibitors useful in
the present invention are susceptible to heat and/or mechanical stress-induced degradation. Preferred ACE inhibitors are ramipril,
trandolapril, quinapril and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and derivatives thereof. The composition of the present invention may
be for use as a medicament for the treatment or prevention of a cardiovascular disease, a coronary heart disease, a cerebrovascular
disease, a peripheral vascular disease, arrhythmia, hypertension, cardiac failure, cardiovascular death, myocardial infarction, stroke
or angina. The present invention further relates to a method of preparing the pharmaceutical composition of the present invention.
The present invention also relates to a method of providing a stable pharmaceutical composition comprising an ACE inhibitor, or a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof, by incorporating a C₁₆-C₂₈ glyceride into the composition. The present inven-
tion further relates to a use of C₁₆-C₂₈ glyceride to provide a stable pharmaceutical composition comprising an ACE inhibitor or a
pharmaceutically acceptable salt or derivative thereof.



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